

Objectives

The full circle program will present alternatives to gang involved youth and those at risk of gang involvement by:

- Conducting gang identification and reporting training to sworn officers.
- Training the Community Action Committee and citizens on basic gang identification and awareness techniques.
- Teaching Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) to elementary and middle school students.
- Having all law enforcement and the citizens identify and report gang activities.
- Involving at-risk and former gang members in prevention and intervention programs.
- Providing community action committee resources to gang involved youth.

Accomplishments

This project started with a coalition of four local law enforcement agencies. The Dunn Police Department built its own gang task force of eight part-time and one full-time officer to document gang activity and target resources. “The Dunn Police Department is in the process of conducting its first ‘call-in’ to put hard core gang members on notice to mend their ways or suffer the consequences,” noted Lieutenant Rodney Rowland. In particular project staff have:

- Conducted training seminars, including GangNet training, for all area law enforcement officers. Basic gang identification and awareness, prevention and intervention training continues with civic and nongovernmental agencies.